



# MCKINNEY-VENTO AND FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

## OVESC FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM

### McKinney-Vento

Penny Boggs  
Jacque Prichard

### Family and Community Partnership Engagement

Jenny Maze  
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## DISTRICTS WE SERVE

Belpre City  
Crooksville EV  
Fort Frye Local  
Frontier Local  
Marietta City  
Morgan Local  
Switzerland of Ohio  
Warren Local  
Wolf Creek Local  
Mid-East CTC  
Washington CCC



Our mission is to lift students and families by helping meet academic, emotional, and physical needs through McKinney-Vento and Family and Community Partnership supports and services.

## Rent Smart Launch

BY PENNY BOGGS

A little over two years ago Stephanie Collinsworth expressed a concern about the issues that families were having obtaining housing, including poor rental history and the lack of affordable rental housing in our region. She started digging, and ultimately found the Rent Smart program developed by the University of Wisconsin Extension office. After some additional research, we put the wheels in motion to offer Rent Smart in our schools and communities. We partnered with The Ohio State Extension Office and The Ohio State University law department to adapt the materials to fit legal requirements in Ohio. Teaching materials, workbooks, and other items were purchased with McKinney-Vento funds with our state coordinator's blessing. Stephanie, Jenny Maze, and Penny all were trained to facilitate the program.



L-R: Tonya Buchanon, Jenny Maze, and our first Rent Smart graduate Kara Stillion with her housewarming gift of cleaning supplies

Tonya Buchanon and Jacque Prichard went through the program as participants so they had a better understanding of what we would be teaching. The Family Support Team set dates on October 3rd, 10th, and 17th for our first class and started to spread the word. Jenny and Penny facilitated with Tonya and Jacque assisting. While we only had one participant for this class, we all learned something from the experience. All in all we call it a success and are looking forward to our next class!

What's next for Rent Smart? Our next step is to have conversations with district administrators about utilizing the program in schools as part of the financial literacy curriculum. We look forward to serving our districts in this new and different way.

## Happenings

- Weekly Family Support Team meetings to discuss needs in the districts
- School supplies, clothing, hygiene items delivered to Switzerland of Ohio and Warren Local
- Tonya and Penny volunteered at Harvest House
- Jacque and Tonya went through the Rent Smart program
- Tonya and Penny picked up clothing and school supplies from Harp Mission
- Tonya shared the Parent Institute Newsletters at the Opportunity School
- Jenny, Tonya and Penny attended the Ohio Family Engagement Leadership Summit
- Penny collaborated with the ECOESC McKinney-Vento Liaison to assist 2 families in need of housing

## District Highlight - Warren Local Parent Cafe

BY ANN SKUFCA

The kick off of the Parent Cafe at Warren Local was a success. We had a variety of members from the District that were in attendance including administrators, mentors, bus drivers, and all of them were parents that have students attending one of our schools. During the Parent Cafe, food was provided by Smitty's Pizza. Topics that were discussed covered communication and how this specifically looks in individual households. From there, topics started to branch out with resolving issues in communication and the time flew by. The next meeting will be on October 24th from 6-7:30pm in the Warren Elementary School 1st grade pod. Future meetings will be every other Tuesday at the same time and location.



## Resources Available

Tonya Buchanan has been spending a lot of time sorting clothing, organizing hygiene items, and separating school supplies in our resource room. Many thanks to Harvest House in Cambridge, Harp Mission in Caldwell, and the Opportunity School staff for their donations!

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SO MUCH!